LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Litchfield Fire Department Litchfield, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Litchfield Fire Department as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Litchfield Fire Department's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

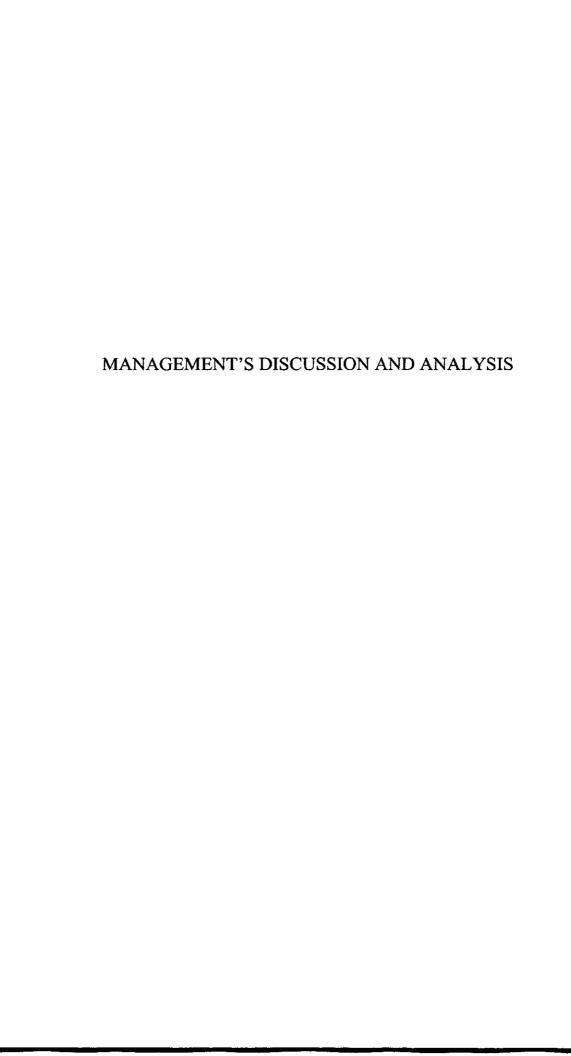
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Litchfield Fire Department, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 3 and page 14, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Bailey, Hadshine + Company, P.C. Jonesville, Michigan

January 17, 2006



LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of the Litchfield Fire Department's (Department) financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2005. Please read it in conjunction with the Department's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Department as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Department's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Fire Department's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

Our analysis below focuses on the net assets (Table 1) and change in net assets (Table 2) of the Department's governmental activities.

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TABLE 1 - NET ASSETS Assets Current Assets Noncurrent Assets Total Assets	\$ 43,107 65,292 \$108,399
Liabilities Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities Total Liabilities	\$ 27,419 0 \$_27,419
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt Unrestricted Total Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 65,292
TABLE 2 - CHANGES IN NET ASSETS Program Revenue Capital Grants and Contributions General Revenue Government Contributions Other	\$ 44,160 93,600 147 \$ 137,907
Total Revenue Expenses Public Safety Total Expenses INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 91,220 \$ 91,220 \$ 46,687

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Governmental Activities

The Department's governmental activities consist of providing fire protection service to the City of Litchfield, Litchfield Township, and parts of Scipio Township and Butler Township.

The Fire Department's Funds

Our analysis of the Department's major funds begins on page 6 following the government-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the General Fund, the only fund maintained by the Department at this time. The most significant expenditure items for the General Fund are capital outlay, wages, and insurance.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Department amended the budget to take into account events during the year. Insurance costs are always difficult to predict, and they came in higher than expected. Costs for operating supplies and equipment maintenance are highly dependent on the number of fire runs for the year. The Department also experienced a major personnel fluctuation with the resignation of a number of employees, and a consequential influx of retired employees. This lead to an increase in wellness exams, payroll taxes, and uniforms.

General Asset and Debt Administration

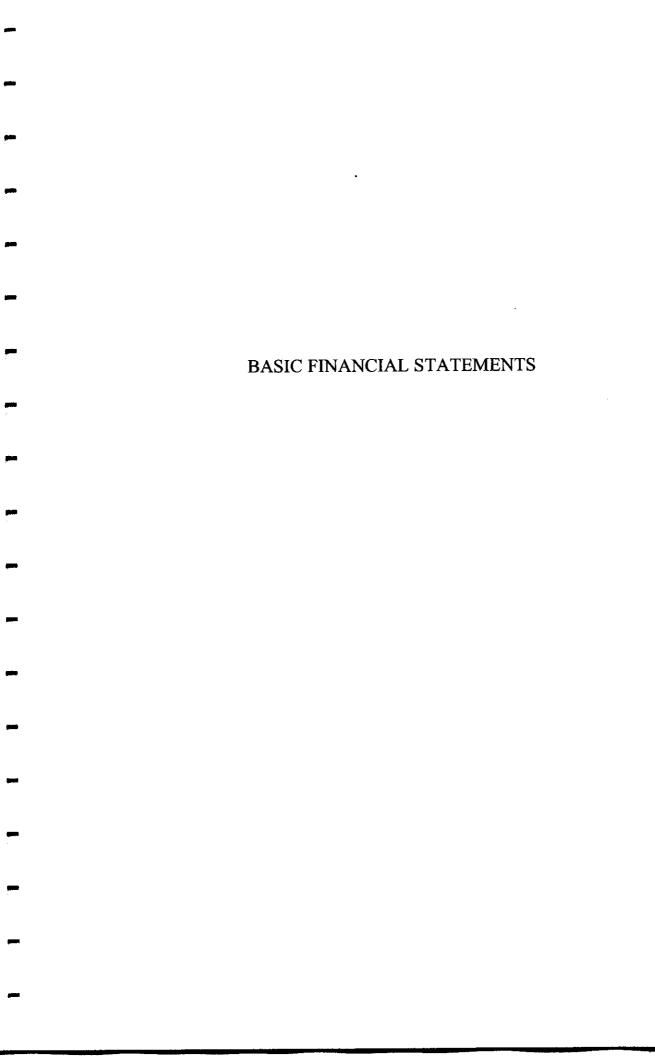
The Department does not have title to any real property or rescue vehicles. The City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township have title, either jointly or individually, to all fire rescue vehicles used in the Department's operations. The Department does have \$75,102 invested in turn-out gear and air packs purchased over the last two years. The Department has no formal debt as of June 30, 2005; however, the Department has traditionally paid the \$35,161 annual lease payment on a rescue vehicle leased by the City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township. The final payment on the lease will be in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Factors Bearing on the Fire Department's Future

As always, activity will drive everything - - more fire runs equals more expenditures. Insurance rates continue to be unpredictable, and rising fuel costs will no doubt ad to the cost of operations. State of Michigan standards for training and safety become more demanding each year, and there are many new fire personnel that require further training. The condition of the State of Michigan's economy and its effect on revenue sharing to local governments will have a significant impact on the level of funding for the Department's annual operations and long-term capital asset needs.

Contacting the Fire Department's Management

This report is designed to give an overview of the financial conditions of the Litchfield Fire Department. If you have questions about this report or need further information, please contact the Department at 221 Jonesville Street, Litchfield, Michigan. You may also call Board Chairman Mike Burns (517) 542-3869 or Fire Chief Dan Pitts (517) 398-3022.



LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2005

		Governmental Activities
_	ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable	\$ 40,335 1,106
	Prepaid Expense Capital Assets - Net	1,666 65,292
-	Total Assets	\$ 108,399
-	LIABILITIES Deferred Revenue Accrued Payroll	\$ 21,274 6.145
	Total Liabilities	\$ 27,419
-	NET ASSETS Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	\$ 65,292
-	Unrestricted	15,688
:	Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 80,980</u>
,	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 108,399

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Program Revenues

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			Operating	Capital	Net
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	(Expense)
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Revenue
Governmental Activities: Public Safety	\$ 91,220	8	\$	\$ 44,160	\$ (47,060)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 91,220	0 \$	0	\$ 44,160	\$ (47,060)
	General Revenues:	nues:			
	Government	Government Contributions			\$ 93,600
	Miscellaneous	sno			147
	Total Gener	Total General Revenues			\$ 93,747
	Change in Net Assets	Vet Assets			\$ 46,687
	Net Assets -	Net Assets - Beginning			34,293

\$ 80,980

Net Assets - Ending

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2005

			Total
_		General	Governmental
:	ASSETS	Fund	<u>Funds</u>
	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 40,335	\$ 40,335
	Accounts Receivable	1,106	1,106
	Prepaid Expense	<u>1,666</u>	<u>1,666</u>
_	Total Assets	\$ 43,107	\$ 43,107
	LIABILITIES		
_	Deferred Revenue	\$ 21,274	\$ 21,274
	Accrued Payroll	6,145	6,145
_	Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 27,419</u>	<u>\$ 27,419</u>
	FUND BALANCE		
	Unreserved	<u>\$ 15,688</u>	<u>\$ 15,688</u>
	Total Fund Balance	\$ 15,688	\$ 15,688
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 43,107	\$ 43,107

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds to Net Assets of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Assets

Fund balance - total governmental funds

\$ 15,688

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds

Add: Capital Assets

75,102

Deduct: Accumulated Depreciation

(9,810)

Net assets of governmental activities

\$ 80,980

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

-		General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
_	REVENUE		
-	Government Contributions	\$ 93,600	\$ 93,600
	Federal Sources	39,744	39,744
-	Other	4,563	4,563
	Total Revenue	<u>\$ 137,907</u>	<u>\$ 137,907</u>
,	EXPENDITURES		
	Salaries and Wages	\$ 19,291	\$ 19,291
	Payroll Taxes	1,483	1,483
	Workers Compensation	1,667	1,667
_	Office Supplies	1,185	1,185
	Operating Supplies	3,007	3,007
-	Uniforms	203	203
	Professional Fees	2,035	2,035
	Firemen Wellness	585	585
	Utilities	4,352	4,352
	Training	1,909	1,909
	Insurance	9,791	9,791
	Advertising	31	31
	Equipment Maintenance	3,001	3,001
	Capital Outlay	79,321	79,321
_	Miscellaneous	9	9
	Total Expenditures	\$ 127,870	<u>\$ 127,870</u>
_	Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 10,037	\$ 10,037
	FUND BALANCE - July 1, 2004	5,651	5,651
	FUND BALANCE - June 30, 2005	\$ 15,688	\$ 15,688

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$ 10,037

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation

Add: Capital Outlay

44,160

Deduct: Depreciation Expense

(7,510)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ 46,687

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Litchfield Fire Department (the "Department") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Department:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Litchfield Fire Department is a joint venture between the City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township in Hillsdale County, Michigan. It is governed by a seven-member board comprised of two members of the Litchfield City Council, two members of the Litchfield Township Board, one member of the Scipio Township and Butler Township Boards, and one member from the community at large.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Department as a whole. The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Department's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Department, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Department.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Department. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds, if any, are aggregated and presented in a single column. The Department records all activities within the General Fund - - no other funds are required.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measureable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is to be collected with the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Department considers revenue to be available if it is collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when the liability is incurred, as

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

under accrual accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, government contributions and grants are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end.

D. Financial Statement Presentation

The Department uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Department functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Department reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

Bank Deposits and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The Department maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. The Department does not possess any infrastructure. As of June 30, 2005, the Department does not have title to any real property or rescue vehicles. The City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township have title, either jointly or individually, to the fire station and all rescue vehicles used in the Department's operations.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description
Fire Equipment

Estimated Lives 10 years

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information - The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the State of Michigan Budget Act and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The legal level of budgetary control has been established by the Fire Board at the line-item level. Any budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the Fire Board. Encumbrance accounting is not used, and all annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

The Department follows these procedures in establishing the budget as reflected in the financial statements:

- 1) Prior to June 30, the Department submits a proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Litchfield City Council and the Litchfield Township Board for approval.
- 2) A public hearing is conducted during June to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3) Prior to June 30, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- 4) The Fire Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between line items; however, the Litchfield City Council and the Litchfield Township Board must approve any revisions that change the total expenditures of the Department.
- 5) During the year the budget is monitored, and amendments to the budget are made when deemed necessary.

During the year, the following accounts had expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts, which is a violation of State of Michigan budgeting laws:

			Over
	Budget	Actual	<u>Budget</u>
Operating Supplies	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,007	\$ 107
Capital Outlay	35,216	79,321	44,105

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Following are the components of the Department's bank deposits at June 30, 2005:

Checking accounts

\$40,235

Protection of the Departments deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). As of June 30, 2005, the carrying amount of the Department's bank deposits was \$40,235 and the bank balance was \$40,659. The entire amount was covered by federal depository insurance.

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Department to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan. As of June 30, 2005, the District's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Additions	Dedu	ctions	Ending Balance
Equipment	\$ 30,942	\$ 44,160	\$	0	\$ 75,102
Less: accumulated deprecation	(2,300)	<u>(7,510</u>)		0	_(9,810)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 28,642	\$ 36,650	\$	0	\$ 65,292

The Department made the lease payment on a rescue vehicle leased by the City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township. The payment in the amount of \$35,161 is reported under capital outlay in the Department's fund financial statements.

NOTE 5 - UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES

The Department is a reimbursing employer to the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency and as such is responsible to pay the Agency for those benefits paid and charged to its account. As of June 30, appropriate liabilities have been recorded for all claims paid by the Agency. However, no provision has been made for future payments that might result from claims in process or unfiled.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Department is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries. The Department has purchased commercial insurance for claims relating to general liability, excess liability, auto liability, physical damage, workers compensation, and other appropriate coverages. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages and settled claims have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past 3 years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

_		Budget a	amounts		Actual Over (Under)
		Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
	REVENUE				
	Government Contributions	\$ 93,600	\$ 93,600	\$ 93,600	\$ 0
	Federal Sources	0	0	39,744	39,744
_	Other	300	300	<u>4,563</u>	<u>4,263</u>
	Total Revenue	\$ 93,900	\$ 93,900	<u>\$ 137,907</u>	<u>\$ 44,007</u>
_	EXPENDITURES				
	Salaries and Wages	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,000	\$ 19,291	\$ (2,709)
	Payroll Taxes	1,309	1,484	1,483	(1)
-	Workers compensation	1,544	1,669	1,667	(2)
	Office Supplies	1,250	1,250	1,185	(65)
_	Operating Supplies	2,200	2,900	3,007	107
Ī	Uniforms	1,000	1,100	203	(897)
	Professional Fees	3,000	3,000	2,035	(965)
_	Firemen Wellness	100	600	585	(15)
	Membership Dues	200	200	0	(200)
	Utilities	3,630	4,505	4,352	(153)
_	Training	3,000	3,000	1,909	(1,091)
	Insurance	10,651	11,176	9,791	(1,385)
	Advertising	200	200	31	(169)
_	Equipment Maintenance	6,600	5,500	3,001	(2,499)
	Capital Outlay	37,016	35,216	79,321	44,105
	Miscellaneous	0	100	9	(91)
	Total Expenditures	\$ 93,900	\$ 93,900	<u>\$ 127,870</u>	\$ 33,970
<u></u>	Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,037	\$ 10,037
<u></u>	FUND BALANCE - July 1, 2004	5,651	5,651	5,651	0
-	FUND BALANCE - June 30, 2005	\$ 5,651	\$ 5,651	\$ 15,688	\$ 10,037